Obituary Reference.

MR: SPEAKER: Order, Order.

9 A. M. I have to make a reference regarding the sad demise of Shri Thariathu Kunjithommen. As Members will be aware, he was the oldest legislator in Travancore-Cochin having played a significant part in public life during the last five decades. He was a member of the Travancore Assembly from its very inception and continued as such also as a member of the Travancore-Cochin integrated Assembly. Throughout his career, he had striven his utmost to uplift the general well-being of the State and he was generally acclaimed as one of the outstanding personalities in the State. As a mark of respect to the departed, I would suggest that the House stand in silence for a while.

(The members stood in silence for a while).

Election to the State Board of Technical Education.

MR. SPEAKER: I have to make an announcement in regard to the election of three members to the State Board of Technical Education. Four nominations have been received. The candidates nominated are Messrs. T. T. Daniel, Joseph Mundassery, C. K. Ramachandran Nair and P. S. Vasudevan Pillai. On a scrutiny, all the four nominations, have been found to be valid. Since the number of candidates is more than the number of members to be elected, a poll is necessary. As already intimated the election will be held by means of single transferable vote in accordance with the system of proportional representation. The Poll will be taken in the Committee room between the hours of 10 A. M. and 1 P. M. to-day. The Assistant Secretary will act as the Presiding Officer. At 1 P. M. the Secretary will count the votes and declare the results.

Calling attention to a matter of urgent Public importance under Rule 66.

MR. SPEAKER: Mr. Prakkulam-Bhasi has given a notice which reads as follows:

"I wish to call the attention of the Chief Minister to a matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the functioning of the Taluk Reorganisation Committee constituted in the State, in the light of the Report of the States Reorganisation Commission, published.

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Government had, a few months back, constituted a Committee comprising official and non-official members to study and report on the re-allocation of Taluks in the State. The Committee, it is understood, is deliberating on the terms of reference before them.

The States Re-organisation Commission appointed by the Government of India have now submitted their report and it is understood that they have recommended certain re-distribution of areas in regard to this State along with other States.

It is an admitted fact that the Report, when implemented, will require re-allocation of certain Taluks and a demarkation of existing boundaries in the light of the reorganisation of the State. It is apprehended that the work turned out by the existing Committee will be of no use and will result in mere waste of public money. Therefore it is requested that the Chief Minister be asked to make a brief statement as to whether Government intend to dissolve the above Committee forthwith."

Chief Minister (SHRI PANAMPILLI GOVINDA MENON): I shall make a statement sometime during this Session.

MR. SPEAKER: The matter will be taken up another day.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

The Kanam Tenancy Bill.

Home Minister (SHRI A. J. JOHN): I move that the Kanam Tenancy Bill, as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration.

Chief Minister (SHRI PANAMPILLI GOVINDA MENON): I second it.

ശ്രീ. എ. ജെ. ജാൺ: സെലക്ററ കമ്മിററി ഈ ബില്ലിൽ സാരമായ ഭേദഗതികളൊന്നും വരുത്തിയിട്ടില്ല. തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ നിലവിലുള്ള ജന്മികുടിയാൻ ആക്ററപോലെ തന്നെ ഒരു ആക്ററ് കൊച്ചിയിലേയ്ക്കും നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുന്നു എന്നുള്ളതാണ് പ്രധാനമായി ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്ന ഭേദഗതി. അതിനാൽ, ഈ ബിൽ പാസ്സാക്കിത്തരണമെന്നപേക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

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